



## San Bernardino Associated Governments

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### Meeting Summary

March 19, 2002 Group Meeting:  
SANBAG Data/GIS Users Group & Riverside Representatives

#### **1.0 Call to Order and Introductions:** The following signed the attendance sheet:

Annetta Baker	City of Colton
Bill Mumbleau	County of Riverside – TLMA
Bob Wiber	City of Ontario
Brent Rolf	San Bernardino County – GIMS
Cameron Brown	San Bernardino Associated Governments
Catheryne Barrow	City of Lake Elsinore
Craig Gooch	Psomas
Dan Borell	City of Redlands (Utilities Department)
Dragos Barbu	City of Grand Terrace
Erich List	City of Rancho Cucamonga
Fred Mouat	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Ginger Koblasz	San Bernardino Associated Governments
Harry Katchadoorian	City of Fontana
Ingrid Bruce	City of Rancho Cucamonga
Jay Seckman	City of Murrieta
Jim Sims	Southern California Association of Governments
John DeGange	City of Temecula
John Hanson	City of Ontario
Karen Kemp	University of Redlands
Kevin Viera	Western Riverside Council of Governments
Kimberly Peter	City of Riverside – ACS
Kristy Welchel	Omnitrans
Matt Torrence	City of San Bernardino
Michael Heslin	City of Moreno Valley
Michael Morales	City of Perris
Mike Cohen	San Bernardino County – GIS
Peter Vitt	Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority ← verify
Randolph Boehm	City of Corona
Raymond Brown	San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Rich Mader	Southern California Association of Governments
Robin Dyer	City of Riverside
Sonya Joe	City of Chino
Steve Dague	City of Montclair
Steven Cumblidge	City of Grand Terrace
Tim MimMack	City of Rialto

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Cities of: Adelanto, Barstow, Big Bear Lake, Chino, Chino Hills, Colton, Fontana, Grand Terrace, Hesperia, Highland, Loma Linda, Montclair  
Needles, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Redlands, Rialto, San Bernardino, Twentynine Palms, Upland, Victorville, Yucaipa

Towns of: Apple Valley, Yucca Valley County of San Bernardino

## **2.0 Local Opportunity to Participate in the Newly Formed California Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Council**

### **2.1 Background on the Council's Formation**

Jim Sims, Director of Information Services for Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), and his colleague, Rich Mader, told the group about the newly formed California GIS Council.

The Council was created in August 2001 in an attempt to improve the existing GIS world for the state of California by following the lead of other states like Texas and Arizona who have already benefited from having such a council.

In November, the Council adopted a statewide charter that listed the following three goals for the Council:

- **Planning:** To identify California's geographic information needs and priorities and to promote cooperation in meeting these needs.
- **Collaborative policy development:** To serve as the primary forum for members to seek consensus on policies that promote the development and dissemination of a comprehensive GIS infrastructure in California.
- **Funding:** To leverage existing funding and develop new partnerships and resources to build and maintain California's geographic information infrastructure.

A subcommittee was also selected in the November meeting with the task of returning to the Council in March with a recommendation regarding the establishment of Regional GIS councils. These councils were to be responsible for (1) providing the State Council with recommendations on policy alignment with local and regional GIS needs, (2) would be a focal point for partnerships in building California's geographic information infrastructure and (3) would select a liaison to advise the Council on the appropriateness of alignment of the State Council's proposals with Regional priorities.

In March, the Council reviewed the Subcommittees' proposal for the formation of Regional GIS Councils and decided to:

- **Leverage existing regional collaborations**  
Existing collaborations would be used to develop a link between the State and local jurisdictions.

*Note: The Council recognized the SANBAG Data/GIS Users Group to be an existing regional collaboration. Riverside representatives were invited to the March 19, 2002 User Group because SCAG, SANBAG, and Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) thought it might be a good idea for the two counties to join forces due to their geographic and economic similarities..*

- **Create a process whereby existing collaborations could become Regional GIS Councils. Regional groups would have to commit to the following duties:**
  - Adopt a charter or other governing document that promotes the California GIS Council.
  - Hold Quarterly meetings and post agendas and minutes on the California GIS Council website.

- Invite all existing local users to participate in the Regional GIS Council activities
- Appoint a liaison to be members of the Council's Standing Subcommittee on Regions. The liaisons would attend the California GIS Council meetings and Regional Council Subcommittee meetings to report on GIS activities and facilitate collaboration opportunities.
- Review and comment on proposed policies of the California GIS Council
- Develop GIS Project partnerships consisting of local, regional, state and federal GIS users
- Post Regional GIS partnerships on the California GIS Council website.

## **2.2 Open Discussion Regarding Participation Interest**

After briefing the group about the State GIS Council, Jim Sims requested comments.

Mike Cohen volunteered the San Bernardino County website should the group need one in the future. It was suggested that this may be used to house a summary page that could be linked to the State GIS Council's website and/or information about local meetings. Rich Mader reminded the group that Regional Councils would be required to post their agendas on the State's site.

Kevin pointed out that several clearinghouse websites already exist and suggested that the group start with these before attempting to create anything like this of their own. Jim Sims stated that the State Council has not yet identified a specific list of data to focus on as homeland security issues have been the primary concern of late.

Jim Sims and Rich Mader were questioned as to the degree of fiscal power the State Council would have. They said there was the potential for the Council to be responsible for doling out grant money some day but that the Council was not expected to do this with federal or state money. The State Council would however have a better ability to lobby for GIS funding during the budget process.

Jim Sims did say that SCAG may have the ability to assist with some GIS funding through their Data Task Force by (1) acquiring data and (2) supporting the administrative costs associated with the Regional Council. He also stated that SCAG could make their one-meter resolution, digital orthorectified aerial photography available to participants.

Bill Mumbleau stressed the importance of increasing the amount of funding for GIS. He said the funding for GIS in California is roughly one tenth of the amount in Arizona.

It was suggested that additional GIS funding might also become available through the Registrar of Voters due to the recent mandate requiring conversion to digital voting.

Ingrid Bruce wrapped the meeting up by suggesting a subcommittee consisting of the COGs and County representatives for Riverside and San Bernardino (as a minimum) come back to this group in May with a recommendation for further action. All agreed and parted ways.